THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) Mobile Service is available in all the Districts except Keylong and Chamba, and Internet service is available in all the Districts of the State of Himachal Pradesh. Mobile Services are likely to be available in the remaining Districts of Himachal Pradesh during the 2nd Quarter of the current financial year.

(c) and (d) Six Internet nodes of BSNL are already available in Himachal Pradesh for Internet services; expansion of the services is proposed through the augmentation of these existing nodes.

Closure of rural and cottage industries

*357. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY :
SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN :

Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the condition of traditional rural and cottage industries in the country is deteriorating and they are on the verge of closure;

(b) if so, the details in this regard, State-wise; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to revive the rural and cottage industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM): (a) to (c) The Khadi and Vilfage Industries sector consists essentially of conventional (traditional) rural cottage industries. Government have been taking steps from time to time for the promotion and development of rural and cottage industries with positive results. Assistance provided to this sector consists of margin money assistance under Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP), training, technological and marketing support. In order to further strengthen this sector in the country, the Government on 14-05-2001 announced 'Khadi Package'. The package mainly consists of creation of packaging and design facilities, measures to promote marketing, brand building, cluster development, focus on core areas and provision of additional working capital etc.

As a result, village industries have been registering growth in production and employment. The State-wise performance of Khadi and

Village Industries sector during the last two years *i.e.* 2001-2002 and 2002-03 (Provisional) are given at Statement-I and Statement-ll, respectively.

Statement-I

Statewise performance under Khadi Sector in respect of production and employment during 2001-02 *and* 2002-03

(Production-Value Rs. in lakhs)
(Employment-Persons in lakhs)

SI.No.	State/UTs	2001-02		200203 (Provisional)	
		Production		Production	Employment
1	2	3	4	5	6
	NORTH ZONE				
1	Chandigarh (UT)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	Delhi	106.96	0.03	123.00	0.03
3	Haryana	2007.16	0.37	1900.00	0.38
4	Himachal Pradesh	296.92	0.12	300.00	0.12
5	Jammu and Kashmir	702.36	0.31	759.00	0.32
6	Punjab	1063.41	0.41	1092.00	0.41
7	Rajasthan	1847.80	0.40	1989.00	0.40
II	EASTERN ZONE				
8	A&N. Island (U.T)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	Bihar	1543.81	1.37	1043.00	1.38
10	Jharkhand	154.24	0.05	424.00	0.05
11	Orissa	221.89	0.02	233.00	0.02
12	Sikkim	8.73	*	5.00	0.00
13	West Bengal	4612.38	0.56	4869.00	0.57
III	NORTH EASTERN ZONE				
14	Arunachal Pradesh	4.18	#	4.00	
15	Assam	403.39	0.17	490.00	0.17
16	Manipur	35.00	*	46.00	0.01
17	Meghalaya	1.60		3.00	*
18	Mizoram	40.80		0.00	*
19	Nagaland	54.89	0.01	49.00	0.01
20	Tripura	3.40	#	2.00	0.01
IV	SOUTH ZONE				
21	Andhra Pradesh	1856.46	0.25	1353.00	0.25
22	Karnataka	3273.55	0.29	3217.00	0.30
23	Kerala	992.73	0.13	1060.00	0.13

1	2	3	4	5	6
24	Lakshadweep	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
25	Pondicherry	28.93	0.01	29.00	0.01
26	Tamil Nadu	5408.04	0.30	5634.00	0.30
V	WESTERN ZONE				
27	Dadra & Nagar Haveli (U.T)		0.00	0.00	0.00
28	Damand&Diu(U.T)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
29	Goa	0.00	000	0.00	0.00
30	Gujarat	1857.24	0.24	2083.00	0.24
31	Maharashtra	3489.91	0.10	3597.00	0.10
VI	CENTRAL ZONE				
32	Chhattisgarh	584.22	0.03	502.00	0.03
33	Madhya Pradesh	339.30	0.04	504.00	0.04
34	Uttar Pradesh	9920.86	3.02	12712.00	3.05
35	Uttaranchal	808.64	0.25	285.00	0.25
	GRAND TOTAL	41668.80	8.48	44307.00	8.58

*Less than 500.

Statement-II

*State-wise performance under VI Sector in respect of production and employment duri*ng 2001-02 and 2002-03

(Production-value Rs. in lakhs)
(Employment-Persons in lakhs)

Sl. No	State/UTs	2001-02		200203 (Provisional)	
		Production	Employme	Production	Employment
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	NORTH ZONE				
1	Chandigarh (UT)	1278.97	0.14	1507.00	0.14
2	Delhi	4195.67	0.26	5156.00	0.26
3	Haryana	12450.88	0.78	15548.00	0.95
4	Himachal Pradesh	16547.23	0.94	23084.00	1.06
5	Jammu& Kashmir	15154.38	0.99	18324.00	1.02
6	Punjab	31845.20	1.39	39187.00	1.71
7	Rajasthan	64731.87	4.20	73772.00	4.64
II	EASTERN ZONE				
8	A&N. Island (U.T)	349.97	0.13	496.00	0.14
9	Bihar	16656.40	1.47	17055.00	1.49

1	2	3	4	5	6
10	Jharkhand	350.87	0.02	476.00	0.10
11	Orissa	7770.08	1.91	11471.00	1.94
12	Sikkim	259.41	0.06	367.00	0.06
13	West Bengal	22279.48	4.03	24908.00	4.27
III	NORTH EASTERN ZONE				
14	Arunachal Pradesh	212.95	0.01	238.00	0.02
15	Assam	5039.68	1.04	5553.00	1.11
16	Manipur	5477.45	0.58	5711.00	0.60
17	Meghalaya	3329.00	0.23	3094.00	0.26
18	Mizoram	3110.00	0.20	3252.00	0.24
19	Nagaland	4174.52	0.27	4363.00	0.28
20	Tripura	1822.07	0.28	2221.00	0.30
IV	SOUTH ZONE				
21	Andhra Pradesh	34776.33	3.48	36569.00	3.83
22	Karnataka	58295.20	1.99	71789.00	2.29
23	Kerala	27308.37	2.06	36410.00	2.28
24	Lakshadweep (U.T.)	15.75	0.01	70.00	0.01
25	Pondicherry	906.03	0.07	906.00	0.07
26	Tamil Nadu	59961.89	10.99	63380.00	11.11
V	WESTERN ZONE				
27	Dadra & Nagar Haveli (U.T)	28.37	0.01	47.00	0.01
28	Daman & Diu (U.T)	0.00	0.00	8.00	*
29	Goa	2586.35	0.11	2855.00	0.14
30	Gujarat	40371.22	0.66	42200.00	0.68
31	Maharashtra	119476.84	5.19	125095.00	5.48
VI	CENTRAL ZONE				
32	Chhattisgarh	3438.37	0.05	4045.00	0.13
33	Madhya Pradesh	44849.82	1.87	46008.00	1.98
34	Uttar Pradesh	101167.51	8.68	103836.00	9.13
35	Uttaranchal	3834.22	0.07	4238.00	0.14
	GRAND TOTAL	714052.35	54.16	793239.00	57.87

*Less than 500

Blueprint for job opportunities

*358. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:
(a) whether Government have drawn up a blueprint for the generation of five crore jobs in the country by the year 2007;